

SENATOR LYNCH: Oh, bracketing both the A bill...I'm sorry. I misunderstood the question.

SENATOR WARNER: Are you bracketing both?

SENATOR LYNCH: If I was bracketing the A bill? I'm not sure. I'm really not sure. I never even thought about this until this morning when we saw the copy of your amendment. If it's appropriate that the A bill be bracketed, if the motion to bracket is successful then certainly I would offer a motion to bracket the A bill as well. If it is not appropriate I won't. I'll leave that to the discretion of the member of the Appropriations Committee.

SENATOR WARNER: I asked the question because if we're not going to deal with salary increases at all, there is a certain hazard here. And I'm just trying to figure out, Senator Lynch, if you could give us a clue.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, Mr. President, I don't want to bracket the A bill, obviously, that includes the salaries. We were talking simply about the principle of bargaining.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay.

SENATOR LYNCH: I know that is complicated by the A bill discussion at the present time. But it isn't my intention to complicate the salary issue by bracketing the A bill. No.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President, I would argue against the bracket. I would categorically deny any suggestions that have been made that there is anything other than a straight up approach to the committee amendment to try and put something into place that will preserve, not destroy, but preserve the right of employees...state employees to bargain notwithstanding what some of you may or may not have been told. I would suggest, Senator Landis, that I would seriously doubt if in one week you are going to develop something. This issue has been around now for three years, including the Governor's task force that did not. I'm convinced that the only way you are going to resolve the issue is the approach that has been suggested through